GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROBLEMS OF FOODGRAIN EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrain exporters are facing problems due to delay in FCI stock delivery and inadequate rake availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make timely availability of grains from FCI and rakes for transportation from Railways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)to(c): FCI offers foodgrain stocks from the Central Pool to the exporters who obtain Release Orders for the same.

The Railway rakes for transportation of foodgrains for export are provided as per the indents registered, on their turn and priority. However, preference is given for the transportation of foodgrains for Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes. There is no delay in delivery of stocks on part of the FCI.